

Protesting The Recall

We, the undersigned, citizens and residents of the city of Ashland, hereby declare our most earnest protest against the stigma and deep disgrace to be fastened upon our city by the effort to recall Mr. Bert R. Greer from the Springs Water Commission.

We believe it to be an effort that will prostitute public honor for the purpose of gratifying personal spite and revenge.

We condemn the use of the recall for any such purpose. If the grounds set forth in the petition were sufficient at any time to justify a recall, that time has wholly passed.

Mr. Greer initiated the project and by his courage and persistency brought it to the state of perfection which has made Ashland known and applauded all over the country. This great consummation has become the personal pride of every citizen of this city and valley. No one would willingly consent that it should be taken away from us. A great celebration, financed at great expense, is to be held on July 4th, 5th and 6th, expressly for the purpose of dedicating this great work with panoply and pomp, and an election called to recall the man who put it through, to be held one week before the celebration of the work, is to begin. Can anyone imagine a more incongruous situation?

Even without considering Mr. Greer at all, the citizens of Ashland should see that the honor and good name of this city is at stake, and should rebuke its calumniators by an overwhelming vote. There has never been such an occasion for Ashland's heaviest vote. It should be a personal matter with every voter.

E. J. Farlow, 131 Church
C. B. Watson, 232 Vista
B. F. Helman, 192 Mechanic
P. H. Graves, superintendent park
Dr. S. T. Songer, Helman
H. O. Purucker, 133 Pioneer ave.
F. L. Coates, 424 North Main
D. L. Minkler, 240 C.
E. T. Staples, 59 Main
Frank Jordan, 227 Granite
B. F. Brown, 107 Fork
C. J. Hecker, 6 Beach ave.
John F. Roche, 115 Granite
W. H. Mowat, 8 Beach ave.
R. J. Shaw, 487 Rock
M. F. Cyster, 91 Church
E. F. Smith, 221 Oak
J. M. Morgan, 520 Mountain ave.
F. B. Tracy, 151 Nursery
H. O. Frohbach, 93 Bush
G. B. Sken, 116 Church
F. M. Hendrix, 63 Nutley
R. C. Porter, 403 Palm ave.
J. K. McWilliams, 126 Church
John B. Wimer, 430 Terrace
R. P. Cornelius, 900 Oak
George Robison, 110 Laurel
W. H. Hosler, 330 Almond
J. J. Murphy, 486 Boulevard
O. L. Young, 171 Granite
C. L. McKinney
H. V. Holmes
Stuart Saunders
W. J. Dougherty
Mrs. Pearl Higdon
W. S. Weaver
O. H. Harrison
N. W. Dunford
W. B. Smith
William Dickerson
S. L. Allen
H. Hosler, 25 North Main
Geo. T. Watson, 116 Ohio
W. G. Mitchell, 75 Bush
F. F. Whittle, 135 Nutley
M. E. Briggs, 79 Pine
Frances Butler, 23 Plaza
E. N. Butler, 23 Plaza
H. L. Whitely, 321 North Main
J. H. Provost
B. M. Shoudy, 63 Helman
H. N. Stratton, 112 Nutley
W. H. Gowdy, 156 Union
D. M. Brower, M. D., 216 Factory
F. W. Moore, 364 Vista
W. B. Peniston, 200 Helman
G. W. Pellett, 322 Wimer.

As to Duryea's Criticism

Some criticism of Mr. Greer by M. J. Duryea is given space in the last issue of the Ashland Record. It may suffice to say that Mr. Duryea was preemptorily discharged by the commission on evidence of his utter disloyalty in that he was working with those opposed to the commission, in fomenting public sentiment, we think, with the view of bringing about the recall of Mr. Greer, and having himself elected in his place. After he was preemptorily dismissed he begged of the commission that he be allowed to resign in order that a discharge might not stand against him when he sought employment elsewhere. His request was granted by the commission for that reason alone. Therefore it is not surprising that he utters such strictures against the commission.

Mrs. W. L. Moore and Mrs. Charles Holmes were trading with our merchants on Tuesday.

Special Train Will Bring Portlanders

A special trainload of prominent Portlanders seems assured for the big Dedication celebration. The following article from the Portland Telegram indicates some live boosting on the part of Mr. Mullt, a former Ashlander, John M. Scott, of the S. P., and one of the best friends of the Ashland project, and other Portlanders:

Participation of Portland people in the Fourth of July celebration by which Ashland will open Lithia park and its big resort project is regarded as a means of cementing the relations between the northern and southern sections of Oregon. Letters are going out today inviting the members of the Chamber of Commerce to join the excursion which will leave Portland at 8:15 on the evening of July 3. All other Southern Oregon towns have dropped their plans for the 4th to co-operate with Ashland in making known the virtues of her mineral waters and the conveniences arranged for the visitor.

Lloyd L. Mullt, John M. Scott, F. E. Smith, C. W. Robinson and John E. Cronan constitute the committee handling the special train.

Early Forest Fires Raging

A pall of smoke hung over the valley all the latter part of last week and was only dispelled by the rain of Saturday. It was caused by early forest fires, several of which have been reported. A big fire near Sisson, Cal., called out 250 men and the S. P. fire train and was finally put under control Saturday.

A fire has been raging in the Evans creek section for several days and several are reported from Josephine county.

A fire started Friday on the other side of the Siskiyou summit and has burned over several acres of the HSI Lumber company's timber.

The fire wardens and forest rangers have all been sent out to their stations.

Former Mayor Endorses Greer

I do not understand how any one in Ashland can vote in favor of the recall of Bert R. Greer, after he has neglected his own affairs and spent his time and energy to put this wonderful mineral springs water in the grand Lithia Park, where the public can help themselves.

Some say he wanted his own way too much. That is the kind of a man it requires to do things. A man with sufficient force of character does not change his plans every time a body kicks. We got what we voted for. What more do we want? Do we want to insult the man who has given the springs to us? No, we do not. The insult would be a stigma to Ashland and the springs project forever.

It is an easy matter to find fault with a job of this kind after it is done, that it could have been done differently, cheaper, etc. After the details have been worked out and we know exactly what he has to contend with, it is an easy matter to criticize. I have lived in Ashland for thirty years and have heard the possibilities of the mineral springs spoken of many times, but there was no one energetic and public spirited enough to undertake such a vast project until Mr. Greer came along and undertook it for us. Don't make him feel sorry that he was public spirited enough to work for the benefit of us all by voting him out now that his task is complete. If we did we would be guilty of the unpardonable crime of ingratitude.

Now if everyone will take an interest as they should, I am not at all afraid of results.

CAPT. H. S. EVANS,
Ex-Mayor of Ashland.

Jacques DeNyse, who until recently has been employed by the California-Oregon Power Company in the capacity of expert bookkeeper, has moved with his family to Ashland and will assist H. O. Purucker in the handling of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's interests. Mr. DeNyse has rented a residence on Skidmore street.

Tidings "For Sale" ads are active little real estate salesmen.

Chautauqua

Grants Pass had 600 Tickets Sold
Before Their Six-Day Chautauqua
Commenced

Will you help Ashland do as well?
Buy now, prices will soon advance

Present prices of { ADULTS - - - - - \$2.25
Season tickets { CHILDREN, (6 to 12) - - \$1.00

R. P. CAMPBELL, Secretary, 73 Oak St.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ASH- LAND:

H. G. Enders, through personal spite, Councilman Banta, because Mr. Greer supported Mr. Johnson instead of Banta for mayor two years ago, C. B. Wolf, through competitive rivalry, have drummed up charges against Mr. Greer and caused a petition to be signed for a recall election which will be held next Monday.

Through innuendo and false statements they have attempted to prejudice the people against me.

For nearly three years I have worked honestly and faithfully for you in forwarding the springs enterprise. I admit mistakes such as are common to the average business man in a new undertaking of the kind, but I stand with a clear conscience. I have done the best I could.

I do not expect after this service that the people of Ashland will turn me down. I do not think you will do it. Enders and Wolf, in their recall, have charged misappropriation of funds, incompetency and graft.

If you vote against me, you say you believe I am guilty of this and brand me dishonest for the rest of my days.

I have faith in the people of Ashland, and believe I fully merit your confidence.

I rest my case with you. I hope a full vote will be polled.

I feel sure if you all attend the polls and vote your sentiment, I will be vindicated by a large majority. BERT R. GREER.

Reed Allows Use of Name on Recall

M. C. Reed, pastor of the Methodist church of Talent and Ashland real estate man, has given permission to have his name used on the Greer recall petition as a candidate for commissioner. Mr. Reed stated that "while I sincerely believe and hope that I will not be elected, I am allowing my name to be used merely so that this recall business, which is injuring the town, can be disposed of," but, at the same time, he is working tooth and nail for the place. Yesterday he spent a large part of the day canvassing railroad men.

Carl Newburg of Klamath Falls is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Joe Rader of Phoenix, this week.

CAST YOUR VOTE

You do not have to be registered to vote in the recall election Monday. Anyone who is a citizen of the United States and a legal elector of the state of Oregon, has been a resident of the state for six months, the city for thirty days and the precinct for ten days is entitled to vote, and owes it to his or her citizenship to vote at Monday's election. The First ward voting place is the Fourth street fire station, the Second Ward will vote at the McCarthy building at the corner of Granite and North Main streets, and the Third ward at the city hall.

Look over the physical plant and visit Lithia Park between now and Monday. Arrive at your conclusions and vote your convictions.

Wade Hampton Loses Race to Fast Mare

Ashland horsemen and lovers of horsethief on the hoof are in mourning as the result of the failure of Wade Hampton, famous running horse owned by Jim Bowers of Ashland, to come out ahead of Bessie Mills, fleet little mare owned by Dick Turpin of Medford, at the races held at the Medford track Sunday.

Much mazuma was bet on the race, Ashland backing Wade to the limit. Bessie Mills won by about a neck and a half but failed to "show daylight" as confidently predicted by her backers. The time was 24 flat for the quarter.

Several other interesting races were run and an enjoyable program filled out with bucking exhibitions in which several bucking horses were tried out. The horses really had the best of it, all of the riders resorting to "pulling the leather" in order to stick and two of them falling even with the help of a good hand hold. A small crowd mostly made up of Ashlanders attended.

Valley Dentists Meet at Oregon

The Hotel Oregon parlors was the scene of the meeting of the Southern Oregon Dental Association last Saturday, toothpullers from all over the valley being present.

A fine six-course banquet was served preliminary to the business session. The next meeting will be held at Medford next September, and officers elected at that time. The following program was given Saturday:

Paper, root canal work, Dr. Riddell, Medford.
Discussion of paper opened by Dr. Johnson, Ashland.

Paper, The properties and uses of Novocaine, Dr. Elliott, Grants Pass.
Discussion opened by Dr. Blake, Ashland.

Paper, The uses of desensitizing paste, Dr. Macey, Grants Pass.
Discussion opened by Dr. C. C. Van Scoyoc, Medford.

Paper and clinic on X-ray work, Dr. Flannagan, Grants Pass.
Discussion opened by Dr. Tilton, Ashland.

The ladies were invited to attend a banquet in the evening.

Free Balloon Ascension July 1

On Saturday, July 1, there will be a free balloon ascension in Ashland from a point somewhere within the business district, which will be announced later. Cook and Sherman, experienced balloonists, will stage the ascension, which includes a parachute drop from a height of 5000 feet.

These men have given several exhibitions at Roseburg where they were a feature of the Strawberry carnival and have never failed to give satisfaction. The merchants of the city will defray expenses.

Buffalo Vernon Will Boost Hard

Buffalo Vernon left Monday for Philomath where he will endeavor to take down some of the prizes which the Philomath roundup is offering for various wild west stunts. "Buff", as he is familiarly known in Ashland, will do a lot of live boosting for the big Ashland show on July 4, 5 and 6, and will bring a bunch of the best riders back with him from Philomath.

The Philomath affair occurs on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of this month.

Big Loss in Laheviev Fire

Fire starting from an unknown source resulted in a \$75,000 loss in the business section of Lakeview, Oregon, Friday afternoon.

Over a block of business section was wiped out besides ten residences, the telephone exchange, the opera house, the laundry and other places of business. The insurance is said to total only \$10,000.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Dodge's Answer To H. G. Enders

In reply to Mr. Enders' reference to goods sold by us to the city of Ashland, we beg to make the following report of all goods sold by us to city of Ashland and dates of sale:

July, 1915—
2 pairs No. 717y flying rings.
1 716y flexible ladder with ground anchors. The above for 14-foot frame.
8 485y single swings with fittings to attach to frame 12 feet.
1 set 491y 4-board seesaw outfit and frame fittings.
1 503y, 6-ladder giant stride, including pipe upright.
2 510y children's slide.
April, 1916—
2 dozen folding chairs.
100 5 foot benches.

Mr. Enders may have overlooked some of the items furnished by us, or his price list might have been at an earlier date when prices were much lower. At any rate, we bought at the very lowest possible price and these goods cost us, after all cash discounts were deducted, exactly \$459.52. The city of Ashland paid us for these goods \$504.68, leaving a profit of \$45.17. This being a little less than 10 per cent profit on cost of goods F. O. B. factory.

I, J. P. Dodge, of the firm of J. P. Dodge & Sons, being duly sworn, do say that the above statement is just and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. P. DODGE,
State of Oregon, County of Jackson, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of June, 1916.

ETHEL DAVENPORT,
Notary Public for Oregon.

My commission expires December 29, 1916.

We believe this is close a profit as other merchants or mail order houses would be willing to sell goods.

All of our correspondence with the factories and the invoices for same are on file at our store and will be shown to any one who cares to see them. Respectfully submitted,
J. P. DODGE & SONS.

Ruler Contest Getting Warmer

Nominations for both king and queen closed last Thursday and the selection for the honor must be decided from the candidates now in the field.

The Shriners have endorsed Miss Mary Weisenburger as their choice and the Elks have chosen Miss Emma Jenkins, and a lively contest is looked forward to.

The gown which the queen will wear will be displayed in one of the store windows in the very near future, and it is said that it is by far more elegant than any queen has ever worn in Ashland before.

The contest will close on July 1 at 9 in the evening. Any one of the candidates who have not 750 or more votes by next Saturday will be eliminated from the race. The present standing of the contestants is as follows:

| Queen. | |
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| Priscilla Carnahan | 650 |
| Emma Jenkins | 3300 |
| Glen Roberts | 400 |
| Neil Peachey | 300 |
| Mary Weisenburger | 4050 |
| Lillian Patterson | 300 |
| Edith Cole | 150 |
| Angie McDonald | 3100 |
| Kathryn Miller | 400 |
| Josephine Saunders | 150 |
| Florence Erickson | 3100 |
| Gertrude Moore | 2700 |

| King. | |
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| O. T. Bergner | 500 |
| C. V. Beeler | 1500 |
| E. V. Carter | 850 |
| C. B. Wolf | 650 |
| W. W. Usher | 700 |
| R. P. Cornelius | 450 |
| H. G. Enders, Sr. | 750 |
| C. W. Nims | 350 |
| Dr. D. M. Brower | 100 |
| Emil Peil | 50 |
| Alex Livingston | 250 |
| B. R. Greer | 100 |

Notice.
Any accounts unsettled by the late Cherry Starkey should be itemized and handed to Bert R. Greer or H. O. Purucker, agent Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Mrs. Earl Gaddis and children of Medford were among the many who came to Ashland to trade during the week.